

18 August 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)
SUBJECT: Agency Coordination of External Research

PROBLEM

1. To provide for coordination of external research activities within CIA.

DISCUSSION

2. With the exception of [REDACTED] CIA external research activities remain largely uncoordinated and sometimes cause duplication of efforts and wastage of funds. There exists also general ignorance as to what is being done in the field of external research and no direction or guidance on what possibilities exist. On a recent occasion CIA ordered a study on a subject in which State had the primary responsibility and OIR had already conducted similar research elsewhere. In a more recent occasion two CIA offices requested almost identical studies from the same source.

3. The need of a focal point in CIA for exchange of information, guidance, direction, and assistance is clearly recognized by the various interested offices and we have with them, prepared a proposal for the placement of certain responsibilities for external research in the Office of Intelligence Coordination. This proposal is attached, together with the concurrences received from the interested offices, including those in the DD/P area.

4. It is proposed that OIC be designated as the office responsible for the coordination of all CIA external research activities except OIS'. It will serve as a focal point for exchanging information, providing guidance and assistance. All DD/I, DD/P, and DD/A external research projects under \$25,000 will of course require approval of the appropriate DD; those over \$25,000 will require action of the PRC which includes the DD's. Review of the total projects and their relation to one another by OIC which reports to you should assure adequate control by DD/I.

RECOMMENDATION

5. It is recommended that you approve the attached and forward through DD/A and DD/P to OAM for preparation of a regulation.

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